

WARDEN MESSAGE

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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

TSUNAMI ALERT

The United States Embassy alerts U.S. citizens to the possibility of a tsunami hitting the eastern shores of the Philippines following a magnitude 8.9 earthquake which struck the east coast of Japan Friday afternoon. Please pay attention to any warnings or orders from local officials regarding evacuations or the placing of portions of the coast off limits.

PHIVOLCS has placed an ALERT Level 2 in place and is recommending that residents in the affected areas evacuate the coastline. The following coastal areas in the Philippine provinces fronting the Pacific Ocean are expected to experience wave heights of at most one meter: Batanes Group of Islands, Cagayan, Ilocos Norte, Isabela, Quezon, Aurora, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Albay, Catanduanes, Sorsogon, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Surigao del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao del Sur.

The first tsunami waves are expected to arrive between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Friday (Philippine time).

People are advised to stay away from the shoreline during this period. People should not go the coast to watch the tsunami. People whose houses are very near coastal areas facing the Pacific Ocean are strongly advised to go farther inland.

Boats in harbors, estuaries or shallow coastal water should return to the shore. Secure your boat and move away from the waterfront. Boats already at sea during this period should stay offshore in deep waters until further advised.